

Fill-in-the-blank for an 8-sentence Literary Analysis Body Paragraph

Directions: In the lines provided, write your literary analysis paragraph according to the following eight-sentence format. Look at the bold-faced type and instructions in the parentheses below the lines to determine what you will put on each line.

Topic Sentence: _____
(Describe the main idea of the whole paragraph with interpretation!)

Transition + Quote #1: For example, when _____
(describe what is going on when the quote occurs)

_____,

_____ states / reveals / says / confesses / admits ,
(insert the person speaking in the quote) **(pick one word from above and circle it)**

“ _____
(insert the first quote that supports your main idea)

_____”

(_____).
(Insert author's last name then page number in the parentheses).

Commentary #1: This quote _____ reveals / illustrates / conveys / demonstrates / proves that
(pick one word from above and circle it)

(provide an interpretation of the quote itself and what it says about one of the characters)

Commentary #2: Clearly, _____

(describe how your interpretation relates to your main argument in your thesis)

Transition + Quote #2: Furthermore / In addition / Similarly / However / By contrast ,
(pick one word from above and circle it)

when _____
(describe what is going on when the quote occurs)

_____,
_____ states / reveals / says / confesses / admits ,
(insert the person speaking in the quote) (pick one word from above and circle it)

“ _____
(insert the first quote that supports your main idea)

_____”

(_____).
(Insert author's last name then page number in the parentheses).

Commentary #1: This quote _____ reveals / illustrates / conveys / demonstrates / proves that
(pick one word from above and circle it)

(provide an interpretation of the quote itself and what it says about one of the characters)

Commentary #2: Thus, _____

(describe how your interpretation relates to your main argument in your topic sentence)

Concluding Sentence: _____
(Sum up what you discussed and briefly bring up the next idea to transition)

